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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Amit Nayar et al.)

Serial No. 09/900,843)

Filed: July 5, 2001)

Heat Activated Membrane Introduction)
Apparatus and Method for Screening)
Materials)

Examiner: Elizabeth S. Quan

Art Unit: 1743

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIMECommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003; this extension will allow applicants up to and including April 5, 2004 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

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